

# “REVS” News Letter

## July 2023



**Ernest Owen Trial held in May at Apply Park, report this issue.**

**OMC make another Air Ambulance donation in June.**

**OMC Graham Hill Sprint, June, great weather, until...**

**OMC equipment storage, move now complete. A bigger task than thought.**

**OMC at Cars In the Park, Lichfield. Pictures this issue.**

**OMC Clive King / Anton Bird achieve another HRGR Mini Cup win on Epynt in May.**

**Rally History event Sept 31 / Oct 1.**

**OMC team will set up and manage all Weston Park Stages, also our Classic section will have a club display stand on Sunday.**

**2023 Ypres Rally disappoints again.**

**Cars in the Park, well supported 16 car turnout for OMC**



Left . Ever present OMC marshal Mr. Black pudding, Paul Langford, once again displays his catering talents at the OMC PCT held at Apply Park. Supplying breakfast / lunch to the assembled marshalling team, Note the customised catering gear, that's dedication, well done Paddy.

Below. Clive King / Anton Bird seen here taking one of the three the big jumps at Copse on Epynt, in early May 29th o/all first in class & most importantly first Mini Championship..



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## **Saturday 31st September & Sunday 1st October 2023**

OMC will be once again setting up & managing the stages at Weston Park for this prestigious event. Changes have been made this year, the event service area will be located in the two big car parks at the Blymhill Gate entrance. Also, new for 2023, another local Special Stage venue "Hatton Grange" is added on Saturday morning. Spectators also allowed in this one. SS1-4. Ceremonial start at Hatton pre SS1.10am first car due.

Saturday evening 6.30pm, SS5 - 6, Weston Park, firework display and crowd line car line up after SF6.

Sunday 1st October - SS 7-12 First Car starts 9.30am. Scheduled "Meet & Greet" at lunch time on Sunday as last year, with access for public to get up close to cars and drivers after SF9 in central park location. 80 car entry promised with genuine 15 Grp B cars entered.

We require assistance with stage set up on Saturday in Weston Park, (we will not be involved in spectator set up or any of its requirements, only safety signage stage side) this helps us greatly. If you can help out please contact [antonbird@talktalk.net](mailto:antonbird@talktalk.net) **as soon as possible this is for sign on registration.**

All persons assisting on Saturday set up & Sunday on the rally event management team, will receive a fee (TBA) paid by OMC for their help.

All event tickets are through the Weston Park web site, not OMC, free entry to the event on Sunday for OMC members is being negotiated at this time. OMC Classic section have also taken a stand for the Sunday show, contact ... [rtristram@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:rtristram@blueyonder.co.uk)

## Donation Time

Another donation for the **Air Ambulance Service** from OMC. A visit to their Cosford base to present a Cheque on 3rd June for £1000 was attended by 16 members, a rare chance (we all hope) to get a close up look at their fantastic helicopters packed with the latest technology and medical equipment and of course meet with the fantastic pilots and paramedics who fly in them.

Our party luckily were to be the last visitors to the Cosford AA base, as they are moving the entire set up to a new build location on the Cosford base.



Owen Members at Cosford Presentation.



Some surprise news from a few weeks ago, HRCR & Mini Sport have parted company, stated to be a mutual agreement. Having been very closely involved with this championship with a Mini Sport Logoed car for nine years, I can understand some of the reasoning on both parties behalf. But, was still quite surprised. Where this will lead to in the future of this iconic part of rallying I have no idea. This years championship will continue unsponsored. We have seen a dramatic drop off in Mini entries and general interest over the last couple of years post covid, since the start of the championship all those years ago many have come & gone or become very occasional. May be another front line sponsor could step up, but as we all know times are tight for companies and their actual spare cash. I would like to thank Chris & Daniel (Proprietors) at Mini Sport for all their help & support with this friendly & very competitive championship over the period....AB

**Ypres Rally 2023**, My eighteenth trip to a great Rally. It could be the last, even though it's a very sociable and enjoyable 4 day break. The Rally has changed, the hype last year with WRC was not so spectacular compared with many WRC events I have been to over the years, and with few WRC cars in the pack (Is now a WRC problem) became a disappointment. This year again disappointing, the cars in the main event are all faceless, look alike and sound the same and there's the problem. Three years ago, we had the last separate Historic event expertly woven into this wonderful Ypres weekend, unlikely for the future after discussing on stage this year at length with marshals from their local clubs. This year we had 19 Historics spread over the bottom half of the main entry, four of those not making an appearance at all.

The previous Ypres Historic Rally was the prime factor for making this almost annual trip. The slim offering this year, was still quality and spectacular, especially the Ascona 400 (my favourite) & the GT3's as always on song, but alas no quantity and variation and that was the attraction. Locals say that the event could not attract enough entries to warrant a separate Historic event, it used to get 70+ entries in some of the years we have been, seems very strange with such a drastic drop off in a short period. Shame really as it attracted some iconic and spectacular Historic cars from all over Europe.

Could it be Le Mans next year or the Daun (Germany) Historic Festival we will see. This German event is based near the "Ring" and gets into the top end of the Mossel Valley, investigation pending.

Got some decent shots from the trusty Nikon again.....enjoy. (Note no moderns !!!)



**Ypres Action 2023..all pics AB.**

## Ernest Owen Production Car Trial.

Nick Pollitt and I would like to thank all those individuals who have assisted in the running of a highly successful car trial at the Appley Park Estate.

We have had several emails from competitors thanking us for an enjoyable day and they have all mentioned the friendly and helpful marshals who we pay particular thanks to for the time spent on some of the steepest slopes the various car trial championships encounter.

A couple of highlights for me were:

- The efforts of the many marshals who turned up on the day, as well as those who carried out the time consuming collecting, delivering and returning all the kit to/from the fantastic site by the side of the River Severn over a few days;
- The close competition throughout the day on challenging hills, with one class only being decided on the last hill of the day; and Richard Egger (who won the Novice award!) showing the ropes to a disabled driver, Dave Smith. Dave is obviously a quick learner as managed to beat Richard on the day.

Once again, many thanks to all the Owen MC and other marshals – we look forward to seeing you all again next year. Thanks to Dan Lister for the pictures.....

Tim and Nick



## The OMC Graham Hill Sprint 2023.

Expertly organised by members Lynn & Simon Whittick, ran without a hitch in wonderful sunshine, until 3.30pm then it became interesting!!, after a torrential down pour. A strong 60 car+ entry, good I am told in the sprinting world this year, and a number of OMC members included, with our very own “Paddy” Langford on commentary and a very good job he made of it. Numerous classes, too many to mention, an impressive drive by Tom Bishop in his Dads Cooper S got him a first in Class, (Top Right below) FTD went to Graham Blackwell who was overwhelmed with receiving the our wonderful FTD Graham Hill Trophy. All Pictures AB



**FTD this year went to, Graham Blackwell in a Mygale Eco Boost seen above. Time of 53.15 secs.**

## OMC Join “MSUK Street Car” scheme.....*Dan Lister*

I'm pleased to announce that Owen MC are now an MSUK Street Car affiliated club.

This year we are provisionally scheduled to run 7 (including the potential Targa) Street Car eligible events, highlighting the club's emphasis on encouraging grassroots motorsport.

MSUK have this afternoon returned our completed artwork See below, which needs to be included in the event paperwork for all of the Street Car eligible events. All event organisers need to include "Street Car" in the description, when applying for the event permit.

I am set up as the point of contact, should MSUK get enquiries from newcomers to motorsport. What also needs to happen, is that at all Street Car events, we need to list a "Street Car CLO" in the list of officials, who's role it is to greet and offer advice to those new to motorsport that have been referred to the club through the Street Car initiative. I am happy to do this for all club events that I can attend, but in my absence someone else will need to be named in this role (they can be in another role already, or potentially even be competing on the event themselves).

The Street Car eligible events that we plan to run are as follows;

30th July 2023 - The Tony Matthews Classic Tour

10th September 2023 - Happy Landings Grass PCA

15th October 2023 - Bright Sparks AutoSolo



Whilst all of the events would be advertised on social media, they also need to be shared into the specific "Street Car" Facebook group. Part of the agreement, is that MSUK will promote our events as well.

This could be a fantastic opportunity for the club to push up the numbers of those taking part in our clubman level events, and hopefully bring some newcomers into motorsport, the club, and hopefully even as future event organisers/officials.

I am meeting with a few Street Car representatives of Midlands based motor clubs, as well as the MSUK community engagement officer, in the coming weeks. If anyone has any questions that you'd like me to put to MSUK, then just let me know.

I'll make sure something goes out on the club's Facebook in the coming days about Street Car. Does anyone know the best way of getting the logo's onto the website?

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

### **Marshalling opportunities with OMC,**

**Sept 10. Happy Landings** grass auto test, location Manorial Farm Sutton Coldfield, Entries sec, plus field & timing marshals required apply:

Dean Forrest, [scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk)

**Sept 18 “Three Shires” closed road stage rally**, Stage marshalling team required, apply to: Dean Forrest [scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk)

**Friday 29th & Sat 30th Sept. Rally History** Weston Park, stage set up teams required, also Stage Turn round management team required for **Sept 30th** Saturday evening stages (2) & **Oct 1st**, Sunday stages (6), vehicle provided. All stage set up attendees will get a daily fee for assisting (Not applicable to Sunday Marshalling duties or OMC rally entrants)

Apply [antonbird@talktalk.net](mailto:antonbird@talktalk.net) as soon as possible, signing on has already commenced.



## ***Classic News 1.... from Martin Parkes***

We were recently contacted by David who is working on a new BBC series focused on restoring all kinds of vehicles from classic cars to tractors, motor-bikes, go-karts and push bikes. They are looking for people with heart warming and engaging stories behind the beloved vehicle they are so desperate to get back on the road. Perhaps you might be searching for the first car that you wish you'd never parted with, or the car that took you to your wedding, or perhaps even the bike you raced as a child. If you think you have a vehicle that fits the bill, please contact him on [castingcars@southshore.uk](mailto:castingcars@southshore.uk) with a short summary of the vehicle and what it means to you, any photos would be a bonus!

A huge thank you to everyone who brought along their classic cars to support Roger Tristram and Owen Motoring Club recently. The display looked good in front of the house at Weston Park during our very successful AGBO Rally which was on Sunday 12th March.

## ***Classic News 2... Martin Parkes***

We have now reached July and the year seems to be galloping along together with lots of classic events/show dates clashing as always seems to happen this time of year. Following on from the last REVS I must say thank you to everyone who attended the Golden Cup on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at reasonably short notice to provide an excellent display of about 14 cars, this formed part of the weekend celebrations for the coronation of King Charles.

We had a great show in lovely surroundings coupled with fantastic weather. This year one of our 'sister' car clubs, Shenstone & District Car Club, is 80 years old and the Curborough Sprint Circuit is 60 years old. We have been asked to provide a display of classic cars to help celebrate this event at their sprint at Curborough on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. So far, we have 12 cars booked in plus some SDCC members cars so this should be a good day (weather permitting) with a convoy track display of our cars during the lunchbreak.

Looking a little further ahead Derrick W and Pete Hubball are jointly organising the very popular Himley Hall Show on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. If you've never been to this show, it is well worth a visit set in the beautiful surroundings of Himley Hall. A 20-car space has been pre-booked, to reserve a place then contact either Derrick or Pete. As I write we now have 55 entries for our 'Tony Matthews Classic Tour' on Sunday 30th July so get in quick if you want to grab one of the last remaining places and don't forget payment is by BACS using the Ref TMT/ your surname. An up-to-date entry list and regs are available on our website plus our new easy to navigate website should be up and running very soon.

The popular Canwell Show, which we all loved displaying at, planned for 12<sup>th</sup> August has been postponed again till 2024. The organisers were hoping to bring it back this year but have had to concede defeat as time got the better of them. The committee did consider putting on a smaller show but at the last meeting took the decision that while a smaller show might be possible it would not be the Canwell Show that the public support and love. OMC look forward to putting on a good car display when this local show returns next year.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES AS AT July 30th

<b>OWEN MC ONE SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>ONE SPORT POINTS</b>
<b>AutoTest</b>	<b>Dan Lister</b>	5	77.01
	Nick Pollitt	2	31.56
	James Nichols	1	17.33
<b>Road Rally Driver</b>	<b>Dean Forrest</b>	4	28.10
<b>Road Rally Navigator</b>	<b>Melvyn Cox</b>	3	22.38
	Jeff Holtom	1	5.71
<b>Sprint</b>	<b>Paul Glendenning</b>	5	75.95
	John Denman	7	53.71
	Howard Cottrell	3	30.00
<b>Stage Rally Co-Driver</b>	<b>Owain Thomas</b>	4	38.57
	Glyn Thomas	3	30.44
	Anton Bird	2	30.26
<b>Stage Rally Driver</b>	<b>Owain Thomas</b>	3	30.44
	Clive King	2	30.26
	Barri Wilmot	1	18.46
<b>Trial</b>	<b>Garry Preston</b>	1	18.00

### MARSHALLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Paul Langford	165
Melvyn Cox	135
Martin Parkes	120

### 2023 Preliminary OMC Events / Classic Calendar

July 2nd Lichfield Cars in the Park

July 30th Tony Matthews Classic Tour

August 28th Newhall Mill

September 30th/October 1st Historic Rally Festival @ Weston Park

NOVEMBER 10/11/12th NEC Lancaster Insurance with Discovery Classic Show

### OMC Planned Competitive EVENTS for 2023

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> July Tony Matthews Tour

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Happy Landings

Sat 21st Oct Bright Sparkes Clubman Autosolo Curborough

# Owen Motoring Club Rally History



Start 1968 AGBO Rally



Researched & Compiled by Anton Bird

Six years research to dig out the history of many of the rallies organised by OMC. Events covered from 1960 through to our years at Weston Park. The main focus being on the club's road rallies including all 10 Motoring News Championship offerings. 75 pages of history plus many pictures in B&W and Colour, some believed never published before.

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